(d) if so, the reaction of Government on the views of the Bar Council of India and to bring transparency in the selection of Judges of Supreme Court and High Courts?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Appointment of Judges in the Supreme Court and the High Courts are made in pursuance to the Supreme Court Judgment of October 6, 1993 in the Supreme Court Advocates-on-Record and Anr. Vs. Union of India, read with their Advisory Opinion of October 28, 1998. In the case of Supreme Court, the proposals are initiated and recommended by the Chief Justice of India while in the case of appointments of High Courts, the proposals are initiated by the Chief Justice of the concerned High Court and recommended by the Chief Justice of India.

Review of outdated laws

223. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Law Commission has asked the States to set up State Law Commissions, to review the outdated laws and to update the legal system;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether, to enact the new laws by the States, approval of the Central Government would be required; and

(d) if so, how the review of outdated laws is going to impart speedy justice to the common man?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The Hon'ble Chairman Law Commission of India has addressed a letter dated 17th September 2008 to the Chief Minister of 21 States, who has not set up State Law Commission.

(b) and (d) The Legislature of a State has exclusive power to make laws for the whole or any part of the State with respect to any of the matters enumerated in List-II (State List) of the Seventh Schedule and has power to make laws with respect to any of the matters enumerated in List-III (Concurrent List) of the Seventh Schedule under Article 246 of the Constitution. The laws are reviewed/amended from time to time with a view to coordinate and harmonize for providing justice to common man.

Setting up of Lok Adalats

224. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state: